

October 2003

# The Nauti News



## Homestead Yacht Club

Our 17<sup>th</sup> Year of Boating Fun

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### COMMODORE'S CORNER

Hi everyone.

The trip down to Hawks Cay was uneventful for most and though there were a few showers, they did nothing to dampen our fun. The dinner Saturday night was outstanding with everybody leaving with full bellies and the brunch Sunday was a success even with a few sprinkles to keep us cool.

With summer behind us we need to start thinking about whom we would like to be Commodore and other officers of the club for next year. If you haven't been an officer yet, try it, you will have plenty of help and it doesn't matter how long you have been a member of the club. Fact is that we would really like to have some of our newer members involved so that we can have a new prospective to the way we run things. So remember that it is your club, get involved.

Summer may be over but we still have many days of boating fun left. With the regatta coming up and then October Fest it looks like a busy month. In November we have the trip to Bayside and then the Christmas parade in Key Largo in December.

That's all from me for now, so may your winds be light and your seas smooth.

Commodore Bill



### Next Club Meeting

The October Club meeting will be at the Redland Country Club on Monday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. Please confirm you reservations with Ely.

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**Editor's Note**

This edition of the Newsletter contains the first of the business card ads that were approved at a recent club meeting. Thanks to Peter Dean for taking advantage of this service. Hopefully others will do the same especially prior to the Holidays.

As mentioned in the Commodore's item, we will be looking for people to serve as Club officers for 2004. Also needed are people to handle the support functions, such as publication of this Newsletter. It has been an experience, but I have been doing it for three years and figure it is about time for someone else to share some of the fun. So, if you have an interest in desktop publishing and would like to contribute some time to your Club, please let Commodore Bill or me know.

Another reminder: Keep those email addresses current.

Bill Zinn, sunbil@aol.com

**Columbus Day Regatta**



The 2004 Columbus Day Regatta will be on the weekend of October 11-12 in Biscayne Bay. While this is not an actual HYC event, many members will be participating. For those who are new to the area or have never been to the Regatta, it is a very popular event as you can see in the above photo. There is an actual sail boat race, with the boats sailing from Miami to the Elliott Key area on Saturday and then back to Miami on Sunday. However, the main attraction is the partying in the anchorage area west of Elliott Key. This has developed into what is probably the largest clothing optional boating event in the country. Boats begin arriving in the area on Friday, with some remaining until Monday, but the majority arrive on Saturday and depart on Sunday. As in past years, there will be a

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task force of federal, state, and local agencies patrolling the area. Their main emphasis will be on safety gear and especially boat operators under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. A special anchorage area has been designated for the Regatta and it includes the area between the Intracoastal Waterway and Elliott Key, from Sands Key, south to Billy's Point. Within this area, no more than five vessels are permitted in each raft-up and there must be at least 75' clearance between anchored vessels. Anchor lights are required in this area after dark. A no anchoring area has also been established in the vicinity of the East Featherbeds. The special anchorage and no anchoring areas will be in effect from Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> until Monday the 13<sup>th</sup>. The Park Service will again have a Visitor Information Contact Barge (also known as Lost Swimmers Barge) set up west of Elliott Key, near University Dock. More specific information about the anchorage area, etc can be found at: [www.nps.gov/bisc/ColumbusDay.htm](http://www.nps.gov/bisc/ColumbusDay.htm) and for info on the history of the Regatta, how to enter the sail boat race, etc go to: [www.columbusdayregatta.net](http://www.columbusdayregatta.net)

## Minutes of Last Meeting

Vice Commodore George McDermott called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. on September 8, 2003.

Our Commodore and his wife were away celebrating their 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. Congratulations!

The minutes were accepted as printed in the last Newsletter.

Charlene Powell presented the treasurer's report for the month of August 2003, which showed the following income for August:

Event Collections (Sunset Harbor) \$135.00; Event collections (Hawk's Cay) \$1030.00;

Expenses include: Waters Edge (Hawks Cay Dinner) \$1360.00; Linda Clemmons (Hawks Cay Brunch) \$135.17; Lee Cowan (Sunset Harbor Food) \$385.73

Total Expenses= \$1880.90          Ending Balance= \$5574.90

Bill Zinn, Newsletter Editor discussed the free advertising available for Club members in the Newsletter. Nobody has sent him anything yet. The holidays are coming up fast so if you want a free ad, get it to him ASAP. Also, if you change your email address, please notify him so he can make the changes.

Larry the Webmaster had nothing new to report.

Park Liaison Buz Strandhagen reported on members receiving a notice about their dock boxes. For the time being, no response is necessary. We have a new assistant Dock master, Cherrie. Larry commented that several boats are going through zincs faster than normal, especially "B" dock. The marina needs to check the electrical. Barry commented that FPL cleaned and checked the systems and they appeared to be in good working order. More on this situation in the near future.

Membership committee chairperson George Mayer reported two guests at the meeting. They were Jerry & Cindy Riley. We welcome them and hope they join!

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Sunshine Committee member Carol Timmons reported Cici Rimland passed away and flowers were sent to Mike.

Linda Clemmons, operator of the Ship's Store, and Ely Prats, the Telephone Coordinator, were not present.

Old Business: Bob Cowan thanked Lee and all those who helped make Sunset Harbor another great event. Also, there was a round of applause for Bill & Linda Clemmons for another great Hawks Cay event.

New Business:

Art reported that the Oktoberfest event has been officially scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>. The band will play from 1:30-4:30. Festivities will be from 1:00 until ????. We will have the same caterer as last year. Price was discussed and it was decided that it will be the same as last year, \$10.00 for members, \$15.00 for non-members and kids under 15 will eat free! The menu will be as follows: German potato salad, herring salad with apples and onions, bratwurst medley over sauerkraut, pork pot roast Munich in a dark berry sauce, chicken schnitzel, beef rahn goulash, homemade spaeizle and apple struddle with whipped cream.

No events have been planned for the Thanksgiving Holiday. However, several events were discussed along with several possible dates. Dwayne Powell mentioned plans for an event at Bayside for the weekend of 28-30 November. Additional information to be provided later.

George McDermott requested that everybody get involved for the events for the upcoming year. Volunteer for an event and make it great!

Buzz commented about the growth problems on the hulls of boats in the marina. Check your bottoms and running gear!

Bob Cowan commented about using cell phones when fueling. TURN THEM OFF!

Jerry Kline won the 50-50 of \$48.00 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Peter Dean

## Photos from Hawks Cay Event



Enjoying the Pool



Saturday Night Dinner

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### **Brunch on the Dock**

Additional photos have been posted on the PhotoIsland web site. To view them go to: [www.photoisland.com](http://www.photoisland.com) Use guest ID: sunbil and password: hyc



### **Golf Tournament Winner**

## Remembering Ceci

On June 4 we lost member Ceci Rimland, wife of Mike Rimland. The following is extracted from a very touching Email that Mike sent on September 5<sup>th</sup> to advise the Club of his loss:

*Hi there. I have not told any of my fellow boating friends at the marina, but on June 4, 2003, I lost my precious Ceci to her 3 1/2 year battle with the rare form of breast cancer she had. We had been together since 10th grade, 31 years, married 28 years and worked side-by-side 24/7 for 27 years. Actually we had been apart only about 21 days in 31 years. So you can imagine my trauma. Life for me now at 93 days has been empty and meaningless. I have not used the boat except to run the engines, as it is hard to get on the MV "MI CECI" without my Ceci. Please let everyone know that I thank them for the flowers you all sent Ceci back in the Spring as she really had a big smile when they came. One day maybe if I come to terms with my massive loss, I will join you all at one of your friendly meetings otherwise, I hope you all keep an eye on the MV "MI CECI" for me. Thank you and make sure you all have loads of fun everyday as you never know when life can turn into a living nightmare.*

*Best regards from a guy with a destroyed heart and soul, Mike Rimland*

## Next Club Event

### **Oktoberfest at Homestead Marina Pavilion**

**October 25, 1 PM until ???**

**Original German food and music**

**Only \$10 for members and \$15 for guests**

**Contact Art or Maria Muina**

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## November Club Event

### **Bayside Ramble**

November 28, 29, and 30

At Bayside Marina and Shopping Center

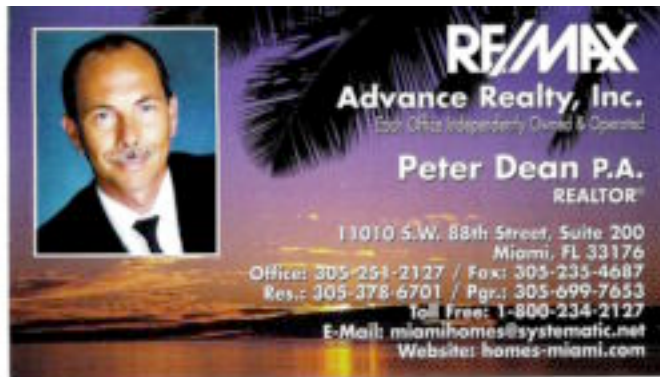
**Activities:** **Friday** - BYOB cocktail party on the dock followed by dinner on your own and the opening of the Holiday Village at Bayside by Disney characters. **Saturday** - Shop till you drop with dinner at Budda Gump at 6 PM. Cash Bar. **Sunday** - Bagels and Bloodies on the dock at 9 AM.

**Cost:** Marina charge is \$2.25 per foot, which includes 30/50 amp electric and water, with no discounts. Dinner at Budda Gump is \$18.00 for members and \$24.00 for guests.

**Contact:** Dwayne/Charlene Powell at 305-232-3436. Boat info and \$18.00 meal charges are needed no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Member Ads

**Why not give your business to a fellow HYC member?**



To have your business card or business card size ad included in the Newsletter  
Either mail it to: Bill Zinn, 16320 SW 293 St, Homestead, Fl, 33033 or  
Email it to: [sunbil@aol.com](mailto:sunbil@aol.com)